

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

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## C. & O. SCHEDULE MODIFIED SLIGHTLY

The C. & O. changed the time card for the Big Sandy division just before sending it out the latter part of last week. On account of the protest that went up against the unwarranted changes the company restored about half the stops it had previously cut out.

While that helps somewhat, the arrangement is worse for the traveling public than the old schedule, which should be restored until through service to the south is arranged with the C. & O. Then another train each way should be added to take care of through business. These trains could make only a few stops.

A return to the old schedule would be the best move the railroad can make now.

Three stops just above Louisa were cut out—Eloise, Holt and Walbridge. This is working a hardship on a good many people.

38 leaves Ashland at 4:15 p. m., passing Louisa at 5:33. 27 leaves Pikeville at 8 a. m., passing Louisa at 11:15.

### A Complete Failure.

The morning train from Pikeville now arrives at Catlettsburg too late for B. & O. and Guyan Valley, connections at Kenova and Huntington. Also, if it is more than 45 minutes late, connection to Cincinnati and Louisville is missed.

People desiring to go to Huntington and back the same day from Big Sandy can no longer do so and have time enough to transact any business. The whole scheme is a failure and we have not heard one thing in its favor.

## LOWER CHEROKEE

On March 30th our vicinity was gripped when the cold hand of death called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond May and claimed for its victim their son John. We greatly deplore his departure. John was loved by everybody that knew him and we extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy.

Sorry to hear of the death of Charles Rice. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

The sick of our neighborhood are Mrs. Georgia Graham Pritch and Mrs. Belle Smith Griffith.

The citizen telephone line is being erected.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sturgell were visiting the sick Sunday evening.

Chas. Sanders, who is employed at Ashland, was calling on home folks a few days ago.

T. J. Wheeler of Blaine was calling on friends here a few Sunday ago. Uncle Henry Sparks of Daviessville was a visitor on our creek last week. John Osborn of Blaine made a trip on our creek Sunday.

Messrs. Dave Gearhart and Lee May passed through our vicinity a few days ago.

Dr. J. J. Gambill was calling on the sick here this week.

The boys of this place who joined The Boys Kentucky Pig Club are Messrs. Watson Moore, Ray Griffith and Russell Kasez. They are delighted with the increase of their swine. Watson is the owner of 10 pigs. Ray is the owner of 11 pigs and Russell 9 pigs. It is hoped for those boys to have success with them.

## MADGE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnett of Yatesville and Chas. Wellman of Huntington, W. Va., spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here. Misses Jewel Dameron, Tudell Turner and Effie Nolen called on Mrs. Emma Newsom Thursday.

Millard Bradley of Oate spent Sunday with home folks.

Miss Grace Dameron was the guest of relatives at Fallsburg Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Dell May was the guest of Mrs. G. A. Hays Saturday evening.

Miss Gladys Burdett of Des Moines, Iowa, was here Wednesday.

Adelbert Adams of Smoky Valley passed through here Sunday enroute to Daniels creek.

Elves Wellman spent Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. M. Nelson.

Misses Laura and Bertha Chaffin were the guests of the Misses Hays Sunday morning.

Mrs. Lizzie May and little son, Kenneth spent Sunday night with R. T. May and family.

Allen Hutchison and J. O. Pigg spent Sunday with relatives at Evergreen.

Miss Bessie Clarkson spent Sunday night with her cousin, Miss Inez Wellman.

Miss Bradley was the guest of Vant Wellman Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Bradley spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Esther Frazier.

Miss Thelma Barnett is the guest of relatives in Louisa.

Mrs. G. G. Roberts spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Mattie Meek.

R. T. May and daughter, Della were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zeigler Adkins.

Miss Georgia O'Neal of Evergreen spent Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Dameron.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Alfred Brown, 34, to Hazel Chaffin, 28, of Borderland and Yatesville. Lysa Castle, 21, to Mamie Della, 16, of Gallup.

Sylvester Jobe, 25, to Stella Murphy, 22, of Oate and Christmas.

Seaman Marcum, 21, of Jobe, to Bertha Shannon, 17, of Clifford.

## FARM BUREAU WEEK APRIL 19TH TO 24TH

April 19-24 has been designated by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation as Farm Bureau Week in Kentucky. Forty counties in the state will put on a canvass during this week for membership and it is expected to raise our membership to fifty thousand.

Every member of the Lawrence Co. Farm Bureau is urged to attend the regular meeting on Monday, April 19 at Louisa and all other farmers who are interested in this great movement are invited to attend also.

We are coming to realize some of the things we have so long hoped for. Agriculture is coming into its own, as the head of all other business.

Come and hear about our new organization. We are in to win. L. A. GARRETT, President. J. G. BURNS, Secretary.

## JAKE WILL OPEN A STORE IN HUNTINGTON

J. Isaksley has leased a store room at West Huntington, 14th street, from the West End Realty Co., and expects to open a store there by the last of May. Jake is always trying some big, new plan, and he generally manages to get through. Having taken this step he is now busy as usual, planning as to how he will raise enough money to stock the new store. He says he will not give up his Louisa store.

## BOY BREAKS LEG.

George Victor Spencer, son of Mrs. Bernard Spencer, of Kermitt, W. Va., fell down stairs last Sunday morning and broke his leg just below the hip joint. He also received injuries and bruises on head and body. His father, Rev. Bernard Spencer, died a short time ago.

## SORGHUM WILL BE IN STRONG DEMAND

On account of the shortage of sugar and the consequent high price, the demand for other sweet products will be very strong for quite a while, it is believed by authorities.

Sorghum is one of the best products to take the place of sugar. There are other conditions also favorable to sorghum.

The Lobaco Company, Louisa's largest enterprise, has been developing the market for Big Sandy sorghum and will be ready this year to handle more sorghum than ever before. Our farmers need not fear overproduction. When properly made there is no better sorghum in the world than is produced in the Big Sandy valley. The quality should be maintained so that he product will at all times command the highest price.

Read the advertisement of the Lobaco Company in this issue and you will find out about prices and barrels. The company has bought 60 cane mills to be turned over to farmers at cost about \$80 for the small size and \$200 for the large size complete. This is being done to help the farmer.

## STREET PAVING PLANS PROGRESSING

The city of Louisa has contracted with the Smith Engineering company of Huntington to make survey and plans for our street paving and to supervise the construction after the contract is let. The man first employed was released.

The survey is to begin at once and is to be pushed with all possible haste. The council hopes to get a considerable portion of the work completed this year. Bids will be asked for very soon.

Mayor Snyder and O. C. Atkins made a trip to Louisville and other Kentucky cities to secure information in regard to paving.

## YATESVILLE

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David Comp-ton, a fine girl.

G. B. Belcher and son Clifford, of East Fork, were at Cornells Holbrook's Saturday.

Miss Rosa Bradley was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Yates, of Fallsburg, Friday night.

Miss Olga Hewlett was shopping at Cadmus Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooksey and little daughter, Alberta were visiting his mother at Fallsburg Sunday.

Will Prince and son Luther were in Louisa Monday.

Tom Diamond, of Logan, W. Va., is visiting home folks.

Conn Carter was calling at Irad Saturday night and Sunday as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Holbrook were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley and family Saturday night and Sunday.

J. W. Elkins was in Louisa Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Cooksey was calling on Mrs. Edd Riffe recently.

Luther and Milt Pigg of Busseyville were business visitors at Cornells Holbrook's Saturday.

Ed Taylor of East Fork passed thru here Tuesday enroute to Louisa.

## MILLIS-WILLIS.

E. S. Willis, city attorney of Ashland and Miss Ida Lee Willis, of Catlettsburg, were married at noon Wednesday by Rev. C. A. Claughton at his home in Ashland. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Willis. They will reside in Ashland.

## RED CROSS NURSE IN LAWRENCE CO.

The Lawrence County Chapter of the American Red Cross has at last succeeded in securing the services of a graduate Red Cross nurse for Lawrence county. Miss Everole, who has had five years actual experience, part of which was in one of the large hospitals of Tennessee, arrived in Louisa on Monday evening. On Tuesday morning a very large class was organized. Prof. Byington of the K. N. C. very kindly agreed to allow the use of a suitable room in the college building for the lectures and demonstration to follow. This course is free. No one is expected to pay one cent for this service which should be of great value to all who take advantage of the splendid opportunity.

Fallsburg and Gallup have spoken for this course and it is the purpose of the Lawrence County Chapter to send Miss Everole to each of these places.

Miss Everole will give special attention to the proper care of the sick room, sanitation, first-aid in emergencies and the prevention and isolation of contagious diseases.

The lectures are given at the college building at 10 o'clock each morning except Saturday and Sunday and will continue until 15 lectures have been given. They are for women and girls only. As soon as you read this, go and join, for all are invited.

## WALBRIDGE AND HOLT

The Willing Workers S. S. class of the Walbridge Union Sunday school has pledged one dollar for each of its members to give to a family of very unfortunate orphans and as this is quite a large class and several others are contributing it is hoped that a good collection will be gotten together.

This class is very interesting, being composed of young men and ladies and they, with their teacher, are doing some real work for others.

Misses Hazel and Kathleen Roberts came up from Louisa and spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. J. C. See, Jr.

Mrs. Jane Peters and daughter, Miss Brian are spending this week at Gallup the guests of Mrs. Peters' daughter, Mrs. A. C. Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller spent the week-end with Mrs. Miller's parents at Saltpeper.

Will Caperton of Ceredo, returned home Tuesday after a visit to relatives here.

Ray and Jack Stump of Portsmouth and Inez Marie Branham of Clifford returned to their homes after a visit to their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. See, Jr. of Sunny Side farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Moore and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard at Torchlight.

Glenn M. Ferrell is spending several days at home after having been away for several months working.

Laud Holt spent Sunday in Busseyville.

Misses Mary Ellen and Elizabeth See were Sunday guests of Mrs. J. H. Ratcliff.

W. T. Bowe came down from Chat-tahoo and spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Roberts and Miss Nellie York of Portsmouth are the guests of their father, Jim York and family.

Ira Hall was up from Eloise Farm and spent Sunday with J. H. Proce and family.

Earl J. Brown of Barboursville, W. Va., came up Wednesday for a visit to friends here.

Charles G. Ferrell, who has been working at Ashland is here for a visit to his parents.

## OIL NEWS

There is no important news from the local oil field to report this week. A number of wells are drilling, but no completions.

The Arnes Drilling company is moving a machine to the upper Blaine field to drill for the Ohio Fuel.

Tom Hays has started drilling at Walbridge on the Alex Stump place for the Ken-Pa company.

Well No. 2 on M. B. See's land on the Point is now well under way. No. 4 on the Conley lease near Potter will come in next week. The offsetting well on Heister Carter is one of the best yet drilled in the Fallsburg field.

When the roads dry out there will be greater activity.

The fiscal court has accepted the offer of oil men to pay half the cost of repairing roads, up to a limit of \$1500 for the county's part.

## CHARLES H. HOLBROOK.

Charles H. Holbrook, Sergeant Machine Gun Troop 16th U. S. Cavalry, Brownsville, Texas, has returned to Ashland to stay. He will visit friends in Lawrence county soon. Sergeant Holbrook speaks well of the army. At his first enlistment he weighed 154 pounds. His weight now is 187. As for a young man, the army is the place, especially the cavalry where he can learn how to use and care for a horse.

Hugh L. Hicks is on a few days vacation to Columbus, Ohio—Ashland reader.

M. E. S. Posey, engineer in charge of the Mayo Trail, has his office in F. H. Yates' building on Main-st.

Miss Kathleen Holt has been visiting in Paintsville.

## SPARKS BIG 3 RING CIRCUS COMING TO ASHLAND

Sparks World Famous Shows are to exhibit at Ashland, Tuesday, April 27, and from the newspaper reports preceding them their exhibition will be worth going many miles to see.

Of the many features carried by the show this season some of the animal acts are without doubt the most wonderful and thrilling ever presented to an American audience. There will be the two herds of ponderous elephants, headed by earth's mightiest monster, Big Zulu, the skyscraper elephant, the Sparks Stable of shimmy and tango dancing horses, including Caesar, champion high jumping horse of the world; and three groups of marvellous statue horses and dogs in a series of classic poses and groupings. Then too, there will be the Five Cornallias, flaring girl acrobats, Flora Bellini and Jessie Hollis, America's foremost equestriennes and hosts of other stars of the arena world.

Those who are looking for thrills will find them in plenty when the daring Matoka does his lightning-like front and backward slides for life from the loftiest peak of the huge canvase to the ground—a distance of 150 feet. Of course, there will be plenty of clowns and forty of them will be on hand to extract your laughs.

The menagerie of wild animals carried by the Sparks Circus is complete in every detail and contains rare and costly specimens of the earth's most curious animals. A parade of nearly two miles in length and of wondrous splendor will leave the ground daily at 10:30 a. m. and will contain many beautiful women and handsome horses interspersed with four bands of music and two callioles.

Don't forget the date and place of exhibition, Ashland, Tuesday, April 27.

## ANOTHER RAILROAD STRIKE IN FORCE

The country is again cursed and hampered by one of those railroad strikes which Congress should prohibit. The public is suffering untold loss and inconvenience by the stopping of train service.

This criminal strike came without warning, the excuse being that a railroad company at Chicago had discharged a fellow named Grunau. Look at the name—it isn't American. He should have been discharged.

The ungrateful, disloyal, un-American thugs throughout the country quickly resented the discharge of this radical and proceeded to try to starve and freeze the public by stopping train service. How long is the suffering public going to stand for these outrageous? Ship the Reds to Russia. That's the only country in the world for them.

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## NEW LAW ABOUT OIL DEVELOPMENT

The recent Kentucky Legislature very quietly passed some very important legislation, vitally affecting owners of oil bearing lands or leases, and operators of leases.

It will pay all interested parties to read it carefully.

Section 1. Whenever, in any of lands for oil and gas purposes, it is provided in substance that actual drilling or development may be postponed by the payment or tender of rentals on or before the date fixed in said lease for such payment or tender, if the lessee or assignee of said lease shall fail to pay or tender said rents on or before the date stipulated in the lease, or contract to pay, then said lease or contract shall be void, unless the lessor hereafter, and before executing a new lease or contract, shall accept said rentals.

Section 2. That all valid, existing or future contracts and leases for oil and gas rights upon and under the lands of this Commonwealth, wherein by their terms a rental clause is provided in event of failure to drill for oil or gas within a given period, are hereby validated and declared to be, and shall be, construed by the Courts of this Commonwealth enforceable and binding contracts according to the terms thereof between the parties so long as the rentals therein provided shall be paid or tendered at and as provided by their terms during the period of said lease and contract.

Section 3. That the drilling of one non-productive well shall be sufficient consideration for the discharge of rentals for holders of said contract and lease for a period of twelve months after its completion, and at the expiration of which time another well shall be commenced or rentals renewed as per said lease or contract, and if lessor fails to commence a well or renew payments of rentals said lease shall automatically expire and become null and void.

Section 4. That in the event of oil or gas being discovered in paying quantities on an adjoining leasehold and the products therefrom being taken out of the ground and marketed and said well is within two hundred feet of another lessor's property line, then within three months after written notice has been given lessee to the effect that such oil or gas has commenced to be transported off and marketed from the said adjoining premises the lessee or lessees of the land lying within two hundred feet of the said well shall begin to drill an offset well to each of such wells so located, provided said offset wells to be drilled are not less than five hundred feet of each other, and upon his failure to so commence said offset well and complete same with diligence the said contract and lease shall automatically expire and become null and void. Provided this shall not apply to leases that are being operated, or on which wells are being drilled.

Section 5. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Whereas, the uncertainty as to the true intent and meaning of oil and gas leases, within this State, has not been definitely construed by the Courts, and their uncertainty is destroying development of the industry and driving capital from the State, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall go into effect from and after its passage can approval by the Governor.

## WAYNE, W. VA.

Easter Sunday was celebrated at W. G. Sparks' in honor of his 62nd birthday. A fine dinner was served and several friends, and neighbors were invited and several nice presents displayed. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rutherford and son Ira, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Murphy and daughter Myrtle, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hayton and three children, Mrs. Henry Pyles, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sparks and four children, Mrs. Ida Sparks and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stump and Mrs. Della Lester.

Mrs. Della Lester, who has been on the sick list for several days is no better at this writing.

Mrs. Eunice Smith was the dinner guest of Mrs. Elmer Collinsworth last Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Sparks was called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. James Earwood, who was operated on Feb. 20 and a 60-pound tumor removed. Mrs. Earwood's case is hopeless.

Miss Edna Sparks of Kenova, was married to Mr. Frank Childers of Huntington Saturday, April 3.

Edgar Sparks of the U. S. army, was home on a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alie Sparks, of Kenova.

Noah Bartley was called to the hospital in camp to the bedside of his son John Bill. He joined the navy, and is seriously ill.

## BLAINE

Ella Jay and Herbert Hewlett and Julia Kouns, who are attending school in Louisa, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mary Bolling called on her cousin, Louise Gambill Saturday afternoon.

John Osborn called on home folks the latter part of last week.

Herbert McIntyre and Effie McBrayer called on Carrie Pack Saturday evening.

Mrs. Frank Dameron and sons, Gordon and Jack, have returned from a visit to friends in Catlettsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Williams and little son Charles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McQuire.

## McMAHON-DIEHL COMPANY.

The McMahon-Diehl company of Huntington is one of the most remarkable examples of development and growth that this part of the country has seen. They now occupy three floors of a large modern building, and rank as one of Huntington's leading department stores. In five years it has developed to the point where \$500,000 worth of merchandise finds its way through this store to the public.

J. R. McMahon, Henry T. Dehl, J. W. Valentine, Walter J. Rumble, Jay Fuller and J. E. Stone have concentrated their ability and energy on the success of this big store and have succeeded to a remarkable extent.

## LUTHER B. ATKINS.

Lexington, Ky., April 15.—(Special)—Luther Bromley Atkins, son of Mr. O. C. Atkins of Louisa, Lawrence county, Kentucky, is a Sophomore in the College of Mechanical Engineering in the University of Kentucky. Atkins graduated from the Louisa High School in 1918 as one of the outstanding members of his class, and in the University he is still holding his place as an excellent student. As a high school boy Atkins was known to be a athlete. He took part both in basketball and football. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Charles Schwab Engineering Society.

## F. F. CAIN RETURNS.

Friends of Frederick F. Cain will be